GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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AVAILABILITY OF WATER
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the per capita water availability is dwindling in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has surveyed each district of the country in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the situation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) Yes, Sir. The per capita water availability of the country is reducing year after year.

(b) The main reason of reducing per capita water availability is the population growth.

(c) The availability of water has been assessed river basin-wise and not district wise.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The per capita availability of water depends on population growth. However, with a view to optimally utilize the available resources, several measures for development and management of water resources are undertaken by the respective State Governments which include creation of storages, restoration of water bodies, rain water harvesting, artificial recharge to ground water and better management practices etc.